

## DEMAREE

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*In the case of the Demaree line, the dates and locations listed are usually pretty specific. One can reasonably hope, therefore, that the contributed data is based on research of vital records more than on conjecture. Still, keep a grain of salt handy...*

### David Des Marest and Maria Sohier

#### *9-g grandparents*

David Des Marest was born about 1620 in Cambrai, France. One source identifies his parents as Jean Des Marest and Marguerite De Herville, both born in England, but the link seems questionable.

Maria Sohier is thought to have been born about 1623 in Nieppe, France. She was the daughter of Francois and Margrieta Sohier.

No record of this couple's marriage has been found but they had six children:

- (unknown or unnamed), presumably died young
- Jean Des Marest, born about 1645
- Marie Des Marest
- David Des Marest, presumably died young since the name was used again
- David Des Marest, born about 1652
- Samuel Des Marest, born about 1656

In September of 1663, the family (David, his wife and four children) sailed for America on the ship Bonte Koe ("Spotted Cow"), bound for New Amsterdam (which soon became New York as English forces seized control in 1664).

Marie died in the early 1680's (one source says October 2, 1681; another says October 3, 1683) in Bergen County, New Jersey.

David died on October 16, 1693, also in Bergen County.

#### Sources and Related Information

- Daniel D. Tuck correspondence
- Robert Brian Stewart genealogy website
- New York history from timepage.org

*Note: Two of the sons from the family above are direct ancestors. They married two sisters from another family and, two generations later, a grandchild of each couple married each other. The two lines will be shown side by side until they are reunited. Throughout this time, the surname goes through a number of variations.*

## Samuel Des Marest and Marie De Ruine

*8-g grandparents*

Samuel Des Marest was born about 1656 to David Des Marest and Maria Sohier. When he was six, his family emigrated to America.

Maria De Ruine was born January 1, 1662/3 to Simon De Ruine and Madgalena Vanderstraaten, reportedly in present-day New York.

Samuel and Maria married and had at least one child: David Demarest, born in 1681.

The dates of death of Samuel and Maria are unknown.

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- Daniel D. Tuck correspondence
- Robert Brian Stewart genealogy website

## David Demarest and Matie Debaun

*7-g grandparents*

David Demarest was christened on October 3, 1681 in Bergen County, New Jersey. He was the son of Samuel Des Marest and Marie De Ruine.

Matie Debaun, the daughter of Joost Debaun and Elizabeth Drabbe, was christened on May 4, 1690 in Kings County, New York.

David and Matie had eleven children:

- Samuel Demaree, born in 1707
- Elizabeth Demaree, born in 1709, presumably died young
- Joost Demaree, born in 1710
- Maria Demaree, born in 1711
- Elizabeth Demaree, born in 1712

## Jean Des Marest and Jacomina De Ruine

*8-g grandparents*

Jean Des Marest was born about 1645 to David Des Marest and Maria Sohier. When he was 18, his family emigrated to America.

Jacomina De Ruine was reportedly born about 1640 to Simon De Ruine and Madgalena Vanderstraaten.

Some sources list eleven children of this couple but the reported birth dates of the mother and children call the accuracy of this information into question. Among the children is Peter Demarest, born in 1683.

Jean Des Marest died October 16, 1719 in Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey.

### Sources and Related Information

- Daniel D. Tuck correspondence
- Robert Brian Stewart genealogy website

## Peter Demarest and Maretie Meet

*7-g grandparents*

Peter Demarest was born in Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey in 1683 to Jean Des Marest and Jacomina De Ruine.

Maretie Meet was born about 1691 in New York to Pieter Jansen Meet and Gerritje De Mandeville.

Peter and Maretie married on May 14, 1709, in Hackensack and had seven children:

- Jacquemina Demarest, born in 1710
- Maria Demarest, born in 1711
- Leah Demarest, born in 1713
- Petrus Demarest, born in 1714
- Rachel Demarest, born in 1715
- Tryntie Demarest, born in 1716
- Sara Demarest, born in 1717

- Christian Demaree, born in 1714
- Peter Demaree, born in 1716
- Jacob Demaree, born in 1717
- Sarah Demaree, born in 1718
- Rachel Demaree, born in 1719
- Annatje, born in 1720

Matie died October 26, 1752 in New York City. David died about 1760.

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Some time after the birth of her last child, Maretie (Meet) Demarest died and on October 15, 1722, Peter remarried, to Marittie Batton, with whom he reportedly had eleven more children.

Peter died on August 31, 1763.

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- Daniel D. Tuck correspondence
- Robert Brian Stewart genealogy website

*Note: At this point, the Demaree/Demarest lines reunite.*

## Samuel Demaree and Leah Demarest

### *6-g grandparents*

Samuel Demaree was christened February 1, 1707 in Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey. He was the oldest of eleven children of David Demarest and Marie Debaun.

Samuel married Antje Lester and had two sons, David and Nicholas, born in 1729 and 1730. Antje must have died soon after the birth of her youngest son.

Leah Demarest was christened August 30, 1713, also in Hackensack. She was the daughter of Peter Demarest and Maretie Meet.

Samuel and Leah were second cousins, with two common sets of great-grandparents. They were married September 16, 1732 in Schraalenburgh, Bergen County, New Jersey and had ten children over the next 18 years:

- Antie Demaree, born in 1734
- Maria Demaree, born in 1735
- Petrus Demaree, born in 1736
- Elizabeth Demaree, born in 1737
- Sarah Demaree, born in 1738
- John Demaree, born in 1740
- Rachel Demaree, born in 1743
- Catherine Demaree, born in 1748
- Lee Demaree, born in 1749
- Samuel Demaree, born in 1750

The family may have moved before 1741 as one source has them residing in Bucks County, Pennsylvania at that time.

Nothing is known about the death of Leah (Demarest) Demaree. One source says Samuel was living in Kentucky in 1781.

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*The DEMAREE line ends with Maria Demaree and merges into the WESTERFIELD line as she marries Jacob Westervelt.*

**Another look at the unusual ancestry of Maria Demaree:**

